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NOAA CHART NEW EDITIONS AND THEIR AVAILABILITY

NOAA recognizes two paper nautical chart products:

- the Charts-on-Demand chart distributed by OceanGrafix (www.OceanGrafix.com), and
- the traditional NOAA/NOS paper chart distributed by the Federal Aviation Administration and the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency (NGA).

The Charts-on-Demand chart is available the day after NOAA clears a New Edition for release. The traditional chart is available two to eight weeks later. Each is official, should be put into service immediately, and meets Federal chart carriage requirements immediately upon its release. For questions, contact NOAA at help@nauticalcharts.gov or call 301-713-1773 x105. Dates of Latest Edition for both charts are listed at http://nauticalcharts.noaa.gov.

This week's new editions released by NOAA are listed below:

| 11347 | 35th Ed. Jun 2005 NEW EDITION LA-CALCASIEU RIVER AND LAKE (New edition due to numerous Notice to Mariner changes a | NAD 83 nd various general changes.) | (NOS Silver Spring, MD) Various |
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| 17327 | 22 nd Ed. Jul 2005 NEW EDITION AK-SITKA HARBOR AND APPROACHES INSET: Sitka Harbor (New edition due to changes in topography.) | NAD 83 | (NOS Silver Spring, MD) 1:10,000 1:5,000 |
| 17382 | 16th Ed. Jun 2005 NEW EDITION AK-SOUTHEAST COAST-ZAREMBO ISLAND AND A INSETS: Burnett Inlet Steamer Bay (New edition due to changes in hydrography and topograph | | (NOS Silver Spring, MD) 1:80,000 1:20,000 1:40,000 |
| 17428 | 9th Ed. Jun 2005 NEW EDITION AK-SOUTHEAST COAST-REVILLAGIGEDO CHANNE AND TONGASS NARROWS INSETS: Ward Cove Seal Cove (New edition due to changes in hydrography.) | NAD 83 EL-NICHOLS PASSAGE | (NOS Silver Spring, MD) 1:40,000 1:10,000 1:10,000 |

NATIONAL GEOSPATIAL-INTELLIGENCE AGENCY MARITIME SAFETY INFORMATION WEB SITE REDESIGN

The Maritime Safety Information Web site is currently being redesigned. The purpose of this redesign is to provide easier, more efficient site navigation and site maintenance.

The new site is expected to become available by late July 2005, if not sooner. At that time, the Uniform Resource Locator (URL) of all Maritime Safety Information Web pages will change. The Home page, currently at http://pollux.nss.nga.mil, will change to http://www.nga.mil/maritime. Users will need to update their browser bookmarks to reflect these changes. Additionally, since URL's of the redesigned pages will be created dynamically, pre-populated database queries that have been saved as bookmarks or hyperlinks will no longer function correctly. This limitation is inherent in the software application that NGA has chosen to maintain all of its Web sites.